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REPORT OF THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE MOMBASA-LAGOS TRANS-AFRICAN HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

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Introduction

1. The first meeting of the Advisory Board of the Mombasa-Lagos Trans-African Highway Authority was held in Bangui, Central African Republic on 25 July 1980.

2. At the invitation of the Central African Government, participants in participated in a mini-rally which took them to Bossembele and back on 24 July 1980 to familiarize them with that section of the Trans-African Highway in the Central African Republic.

3. The first meeting of the Advisory Board of the Mombasa-Lagos Trans-African Highway Authority was preceded by a meeting of experts who examined progress made on the Trans-African Highway, the implementation of recommendations to facilitate inter-State travel, the programme of work designed for the Trans-African Highway Authority as well as reports on the African Highway Code and the African Highway Association.

Attendance

4. The meeting was attended by:

(a) representatives of member and associate member States;
(b) representative of industralized countries; and
(c) representatives of international organizations.

5. The list of participants is attached as annex I.

Opening of the meeting

6. The meeting of the Advisory Board of the Mombasa-Lagos Trans-African Highway Authority was opened by Mr. Simon Yanou, Chief Officer of the Ministry of Transport and Tourism, who began by saying that the meeting was a prelude to the meeting of the Governing Council that would establish the Trans-African Highway Authority.

7. This east-west Highway was a project of common interest, the Chief Officer declared, and would combine the efforts of six countries, which were directly traversed by the Highway and seven others that were linked to it by feeder roads. It was therefore logical that the solidarity manifested by member States in the promotion of this project needed a permanent organization to assume responsibility for co-ordinating the efforts of member States.

8. The Chief Officer pointed out to the members of the Advisory Board that the resolutions they would submit to the Governing Council needed to transcend individual interests and consider only the general welfare and future of the subregion. He urged participants to go beyond the realm of frontiers, national idiosyncracies, customs, official languages and monetary systems and establish

a community of thought and of action which in a few years would achieve the freedom of movement of persons, goods and ideas to serve as an instrument of African unity.

9. In his reply to the Chief Officer of the Ministry of Transport and Tourism, Mr. Tchouta Moussa, Enginer General and Chief of the Transport, Communications and Tourism Division of the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa, speaking on behalf of ECA and the participants, thanked the Government of the Central African Republic for having organized the first meeting of the Advisory Board of the Mombasa-Lagos Trans-African Highway and for having made facilities available. He also expressed warm and sincere gratitude to the industralized countries, who had never failed to provide assistance to the Trans-African Highway since its inception in 1964.

10. The Chief said that the role of the Advisory Board was to review the work programme of the Trans-African Highway Authority and its administrative structure and in general, to facilitate the work of the Governing Council.

11. Mr. Tchouta Moussa went on to say that the successful completion of the Meeting of Experts, as well as the steady support that the international community gave to the Trans-African Highway programme, enabled him to state with confidence, at that critical time that the programme of action under consideration was entirely feasible and the budget request reasonable.

12. The Chief said, however, that the Authority needed their continued support, in the form of expertise and financial assistance, if it was to get off the ground and accomplish the heavy task before it. He hoped that the Advisory Board would also give due consideration to the African Highway Code prepared by ECA in outline form designed to curb the number and severity of traffic accidents on the highways in Africa. Now was the time to worry about traffic accidents on the Trans-African Highway before the volume of traffic became critical.

13. The Trans-African Highway programme had reached a crucial stage, the Chief concluded, and it was the most opportune time for the international community to demonstrate its support in practical terms.

Election of officers

14. The following officers were elected:

Mr. Simon Yanou (Central African Republic), Chairman
Mr. C.D. Fortunato (United State of America) Vice-Chairman
Mr. Tahar Majoul (BADEA), Rapporteur

Adoption of the agenda

15. The following agenda was adopted:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work
4. Review of the programme of the Trans-African Highway Authority and its budget
5. Other matters
6. Date and place of next meeting
7. Adoption of the report

Review of the programme of the Trans-African Highway Authority and its budget

16. The Advisory Board of the Trans-African Highway Authority, having examined the document on the programme of work of the Trans-African Highway Authority, its organizational chart and initial budget estimates and having been informed of the minor amendments made by the Meeting of Experts whose meeting preceded that of the Advisory Board, adopted the programme of work, the organizational structure and the budget estimates as amended by the Experts with the following stipulations:

(a) Since the current definition of the role of the Controller is somewhat ambiguous, it should be made clear that the Controller is administratively responsible to the Director General.

(b) The salaries of the Director General and his staff should be maintained as given, with the proviso that should the Authority feel that a revision is warranted, the Governing Council would take up the matter and deal with it as appropriate.

Contributions to the budget of the Trans-African Highway Authority

17. As an integral part of agenda item 4, the Advisory Board gave detailed consideration to the matter of equitable distribution of contributions by member and associate member States to the Authority's budget.

18. After discussing several proposals made by member countries, the Advisory Board reached the following consensus:

(a) The Advisory Board recommended that the Governing Council should determine the distribution of contributions, as equal basis, to be made by member States, taking into account the contribution in kind made by the host Government.

(b) The Advisory Board further recommended that the Council should also, determine a fair percentage of the amount paid by member States to be paid in by the associate members on an equal basis.

(c) Since there were seven members and six associate members, and the host Government would be making a contribution of approximately $US80,000 per year in kind for the next four years, an indication of the apportionment of contributions from member and associate member States to meet the $US 3 million four-year budgetary requirement would be as follows:

(i)	each member State	-	$US100,000/year
(ii)	host country	-	$US 20,000/year
(iii)	each associate member	-	$US 20,000/year

Date and place of the next meeting

19. The Advisory Board agreed to hold its next meeting in 1981 at the Authority's headquarters at Bangui if no invitation was forthcoming from the Government of any member State.

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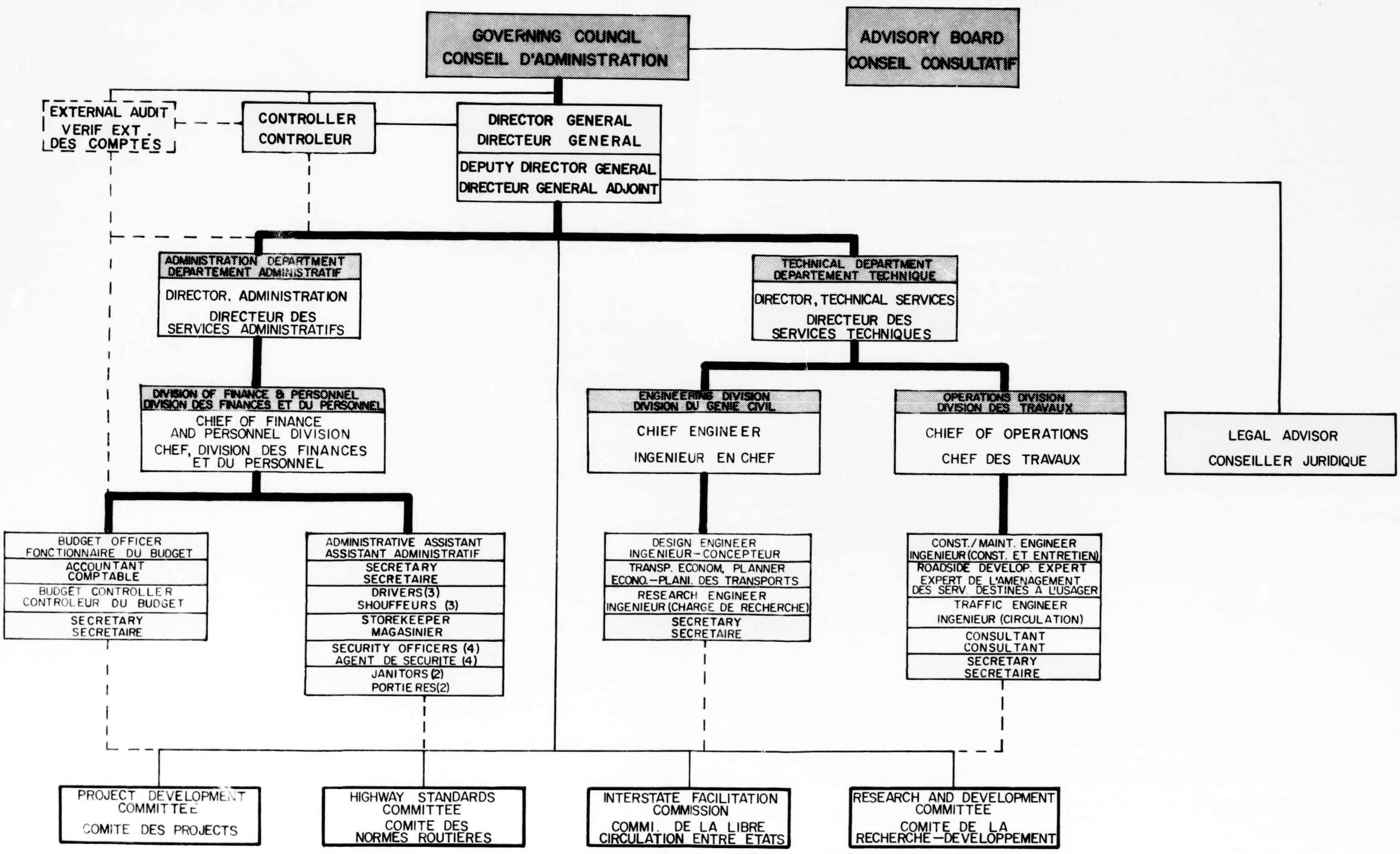

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